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### USDA Moves Up Cover Crop Harvest Date

USDA announced today they have agreed to change the date farmers can start grazing, haying or chopping cover crops grown on prevented-plant acres this year. USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) adjusted the 2019 final haying and grazing date from November 1 to September 1 to help farmers who were prevented from planting because of flooding and excess rainfall this spring. RMA has also determined that silage, haylage and baleage should be treated in the same manner as haying and grazing for this year. Producers can hay, graze or cut cover crops for silage, haylage or baleage on prevented plant acres on or after September 1 and still maintain eligibility for their full 2019 prevented planting indemnity. Visit the USDA website to see the [full release](#).

